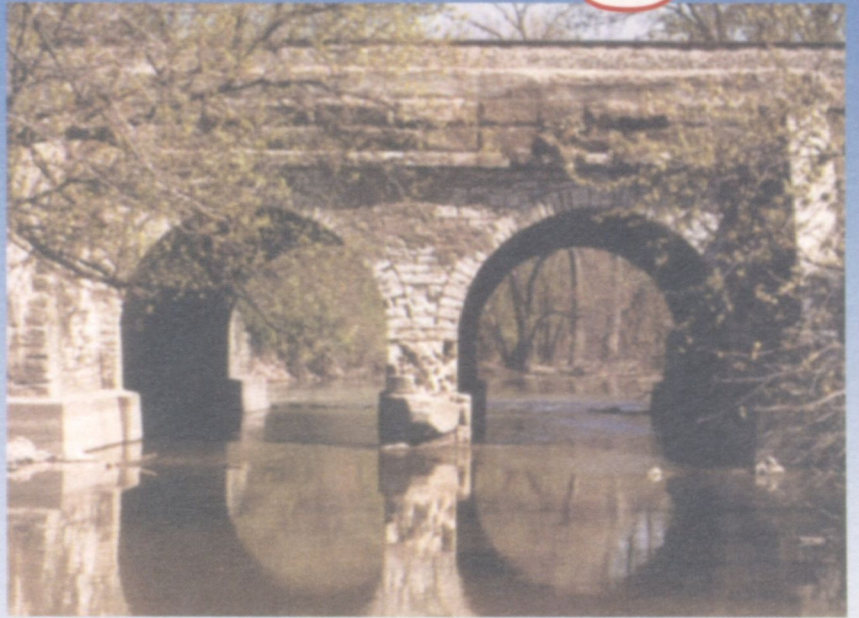
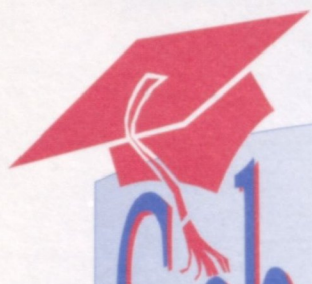


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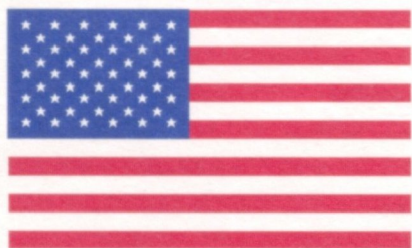


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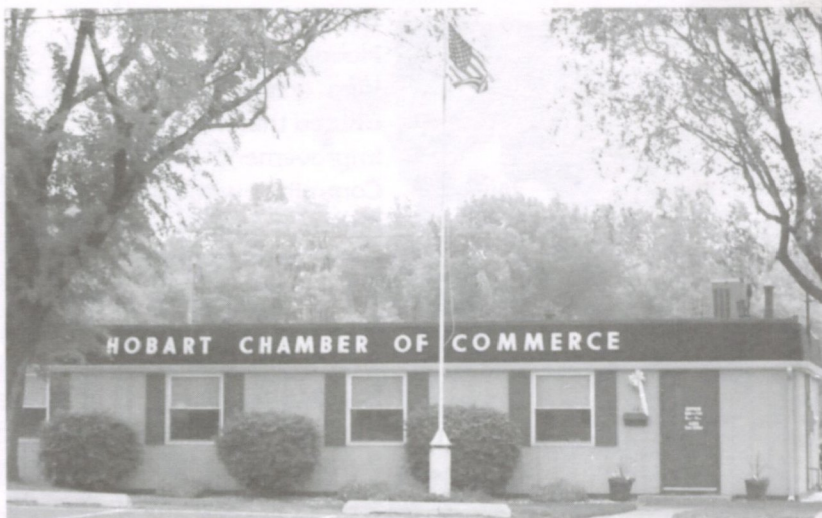
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The Hobart Chamber of Commerce originated in 1948, formerly operating as the Hobart Business Association.

In those days, the main projects were to promote goodwill, and approve advertising, publicity, and sales for the community. Soon to follow were Street Sales, Christmas celebrations, Dollar Days and a big Fourth of July.

Today, the Chamber services 400 plus members, coordinating multi-committees which include Fourth of July, Downtown Street Faire, Business Expo, Business After Hours, Outstanding Educator Awards, Annual Golf Outing and the renowned Pig Roast-Bean Soup. The major emphasis is economic development and providing service to the business and public sectors.



The Chamber, in its 55th year, is located at 18 East Old Ridge Road.



FROM THE 100th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION - This 1876 July 4th parade shown at 4th and Main Streets is the forerunner of more recent parades shown on pages 22 and 43 at the same location. Note the dirt street and wooden sidewalks in this early photo.

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5th District - David Johnston

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Hobart - 2003

Happy 4th of July





BRICKIE ROYALTY

Hobart High School Kings and Queens assisted the City Improvement Committee with their annual Breakfast With Santa for area children in December, 2002. Shown here with Santa (aka) Ken West are Kings Matt Bull and Josh Embodin, and Queens Casandra Embodin and Lauren Mitchell giving Santa a Smooch.

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Located at 3401 W. Ridge Road just east of I-65, Indiana Botanic Gardens manufactures, packages, labels and formulates many of its own "Botanic Choice" brand products from supplements to beauty creams. It's a fully stocked retail store with thousands of visitors each year.

Botanic Choice brand continues to represent high quality and traditions through four generations of family.

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A LAUGH A DAY

(See page 7 for a laugh - or smile!)

SUNDAY - If you are too open minded, what will happen?

MONDAY - How does a flea get from one place to another?

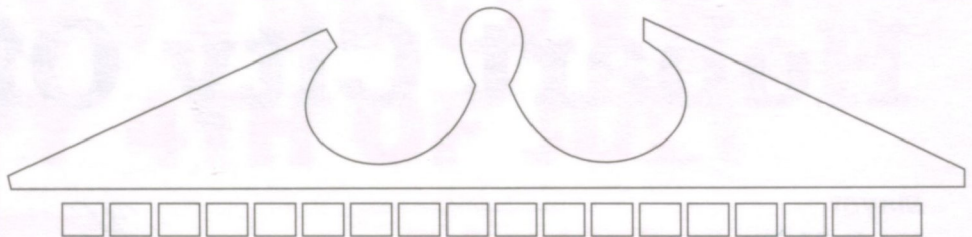
TUESDAY - Why does a frog make a good outfielder?

WEDNESDAY - Why do we plant bulbs?

THURSDAY - What insect eats the least?

FRIDAY - What's the favorite sport of a mosquito?

SATURDAY - What does a clear conscience often indicate?



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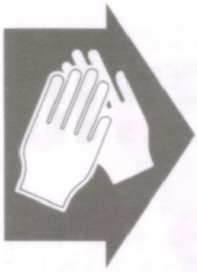
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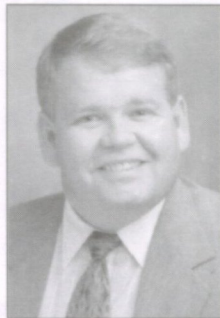
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CONCERT CONCESSIONS - City Improvement Committee members Robert Green (left) and Ken West, are shown at a June 5, 2003 concert in Festival Park. CIC sponsors these summer concerts and concession stand with Green serving as hotdog chairman and West as popcorn chairman.

PIONEER FAMILY - Samuel and Nancy Siegler left their home in Virginia, arriving in this area in 1837. They were accompanied by their two daughters and their husbands, William and Elizabeth Hurst (also from Virginia) and Joseph and Amanda Melvenia Mundell (of Pennsylvania).

The Sieglers settled near Liverpool Road and Old Ridge Road where they operated a trading post for some six years before moving on to Missouri. The Hursts also had moved on to Missouri, but the Mundells remained in their log cabin homestead on Old Ridge Road (now the location of WiseWay).

The Mundells became the first permanent Hobart settlers. They have several descendants still living in Hobart. A flower business, originated on Main Street by Mundell's grandson and his wife (Joseph and Ethel Mundell in 1940), later expanded to include a shop and greenhouses on the Mundell land. It continues today on County Line Road.

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BUSINESS QUIZ

(See Page 8 for answers)

Do you know the original names of these current Hobart businesses and the year each originated?

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2. Corey Brothers Bakery
3. Burns Funeral Home
4. Krull and Sons
5. Harrigan Real Estate
6. Smith Insurance Agency
7. Maurer's Meats
8. Mellon's Tax Service
9. HFS Bank, F.S.B.
10. Simmons Decorating
11. Karp's Garden and Feed
12. Mundell County Line Greenhouses

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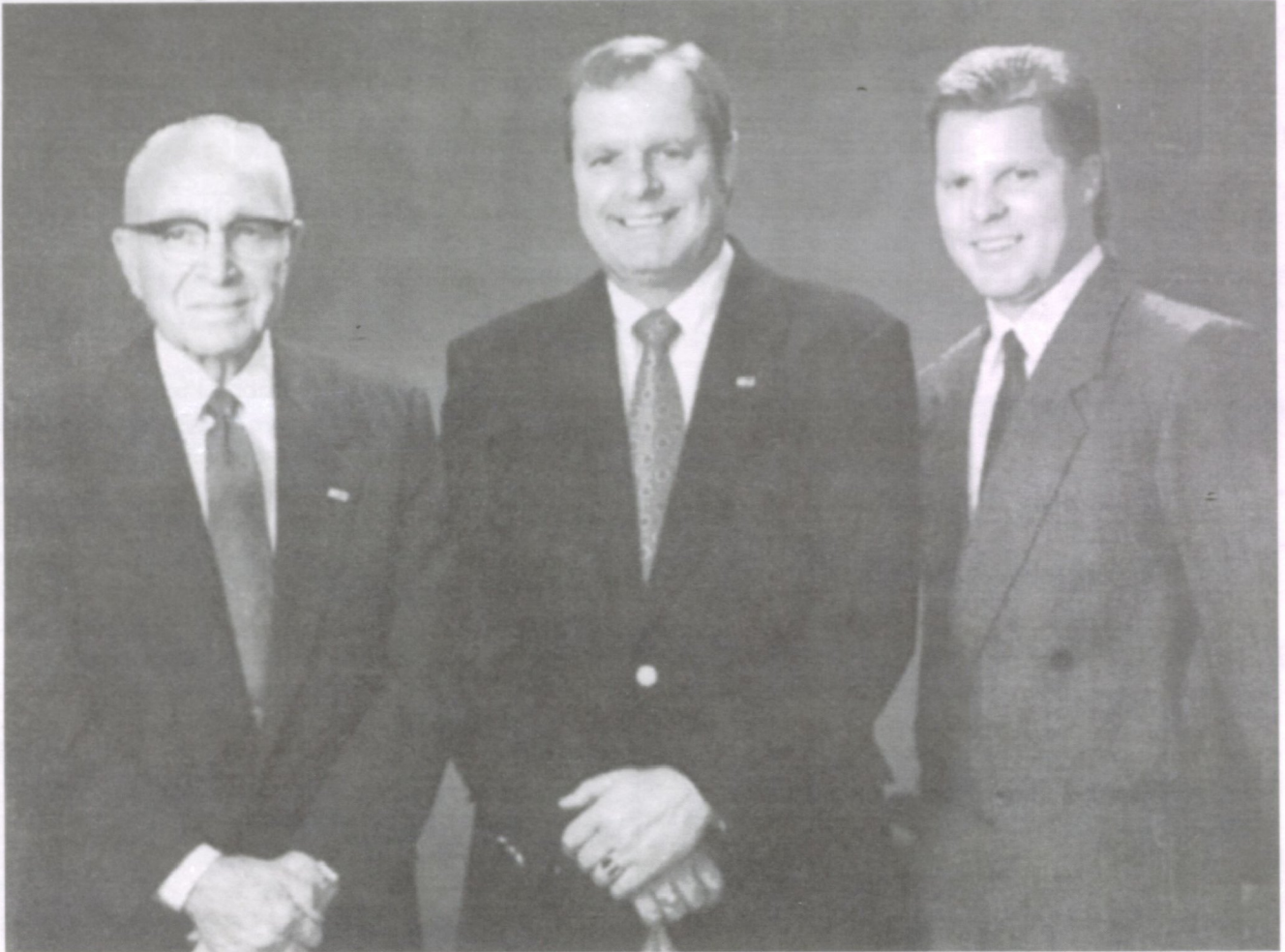
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A LAUGH A DAY

(See page 2 for questions)

SUNDAY - Your brains could fall out

MONDAY - They "itch-hike"

TUESDAY - He is great at catching flies

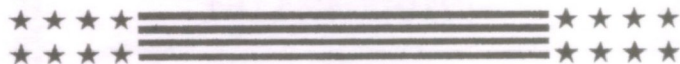
WEDNESDAY - So worms can see where they are going

THURSDAY - A moth because it just eats holes

FRIDAY - They love to "skin dive"

SATURDAY - A bad memory

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June

5 Good Time Cloggers

12 German Band

19 Chorus of the Dunes

26 Jack D'Amico (as Frank Sinatra)

July

3 Rusty Pipes Band

4 Take Five Variety Band
(and Hobart High's Night & Day)*

10 Gas House Gang

17 German Band (and Food Pantry Drive)

24 Dave Lopez (as Elvis)

31 Front Porch Music

August

7 Tinley Park, IL Band & Choir

14 Good Times Band*

21 M & M Production Play

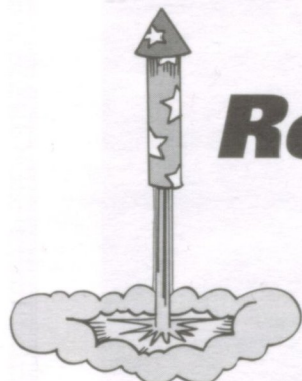
28 Rusty Pipes Band

September

4 North Coast Jazz Band

NOTE: No fireworks will be permitted in Festival Park during the July 4th Concert.

*All concerts will be from 7 - 8 p.m. EXCEPT July 4th and August 14th when hours will be 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Bring a blanket or chair and enjoy the 2003 concerts!!



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BUSINESS QUIZ ANSWERS

(See Page 4 for questions)

1. O'Dell-Smith Jewelers opened in 1886 as O'Dell Jewelry
2. Corey Brothers Bakery opened in 1906 as Louis Jelen Bakery
3. Burns Funeral Home opened in 1908 as Pflughoeft Funeral Home
4. Krull and Sons was opened in 1912 as Walter Black, Engineer
5. Harrigan Real Estate opened in 1926 as Harrigan-Prihoda
6. Smith Insurance Agency opened in 1926 as John I. Smith Insurance
7. Maurer's Meats opened in 1926 as Supreme Meats
8. Mellon's Tax Service opened in 1929 as Mellon's Real Estate/Insurance
9. HFS Bank opened in 1934 as Hobart Federal Savings and Loan
10. Simmons Decorating opened in 1936 as Simmons and Sons
11. Karp's Garden and Feed opened in 1937 as Hobart Hatchery
12. Mundell County Line Greenhouses opened in 1940 as Mundell Flower Shop



ORIGINAL OUTDOOR MARKET? - Charles Sapper opened this "outdoor market" in 1943 when his farm produce business outgrew just setting produce around the shade tree in his front yard on Lake Park Avenue. He sold dairy products, fresh-dressed chickens, eggs and grain as well as farm produce at his quick stop store.

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BRICKIE CHAMPS - Can you identify members of this Hobart High School Swim Team that won EVERY event in a Griffith Invitational Meet? Hint - The year was 1995. (See page 12 for names)



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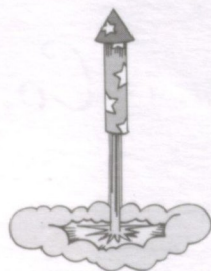
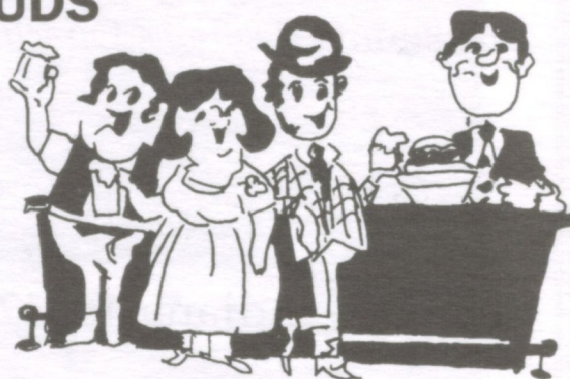
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Launched under the direction of George Nearpass and G. Bender, the Gazette first hit the street printed on a Gordon Job steam-powered press. That December, The Gazette was sold to P.J. Gristy and Andrew J. Smith, both Hobart school teachers.

In 1892, Smith invited Nevin B. White to join him in the business and a partnership which endured for nearly 40 years was formed. After their retirement in 1929, the paper passed through the hands of Glen Easton, J.E. Schofield, E.S. Pike, O.L. Pattee and Paul Pattee, ending the 1930s in the hands of Mrs. E.S. Pike and her son, William, who turned it into a shopper and sold it to Henry Ratliffe (owner for just a month). Next, Joanna (Bee) Stafford, who restored it to a hometown paper, was the owner until selling to Joel Remaley, owner from 1975 to 1989.

Since then, owners have included Cordell Publications of Texas (1989), Citizens Publishing of Wisconsin (1994), Lee Anglin (1997) and in 1998, the current owner, Great Lakes Publishing, Inc.

Technology over the past century has radically changed the newspaper industry. Today, the Gazette is produced on a modern computerized press - a far cry from the steam-powered dinosaur that first gave it life.

Establishing a practice still in place today, the first issue asked the Gazette readers for news from residents. The Gazette prides itself in printing news and events from local churches, service agencies, organizations and residents and continues its dedication to covering all the news about the city.

The paper was first located on Main Street, moved to the 700 block of Third Street where it remained for many years before moving to its current location, 301 Main Street.

SOME HOBART FIRSTS

(Also see Page 50)

1. First permanent settlers, Joseph & Melvina Mundell - 1837
2. First railroad, Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne and Chicago - 1858
3. First church, Augustana Lutheran - 1862
4. First major brickyard, Joseph Nash Co. - 1863
5. Town government established - 1889
6. First Hobart auto, Edward Simons - 1902
7. First town speed limit, 6 mph - 1904
8. City government organized - 1921
9. First park, City Ball Park - 1924
10. First woman mayor, Gladys Rose - 1959
11. First democrat elected mayor, Calvin Green - 1976
12. First elected woman mayor, Margaret Kuchta - 1988

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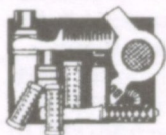


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(See Page 9 for photo)

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Dave's son, J.R. came to the business after graduating from Purdue in 1989 and is now the vice-president of the dealership. Dave's youngest daughter, Valerie (Heuring) Leonard, joined the family business as secretary-treasurer in 2000 after graduating from Purdue.

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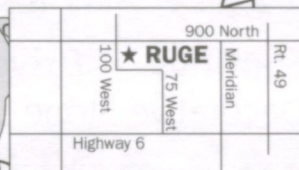
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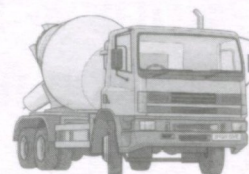


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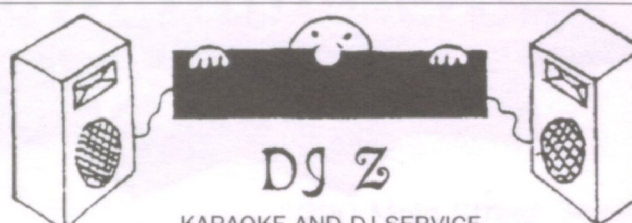


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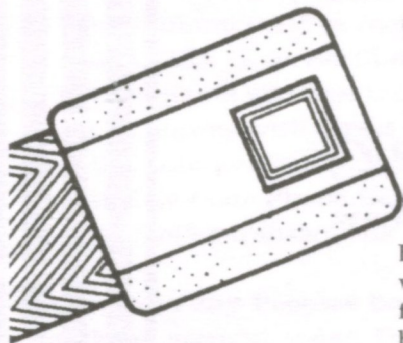
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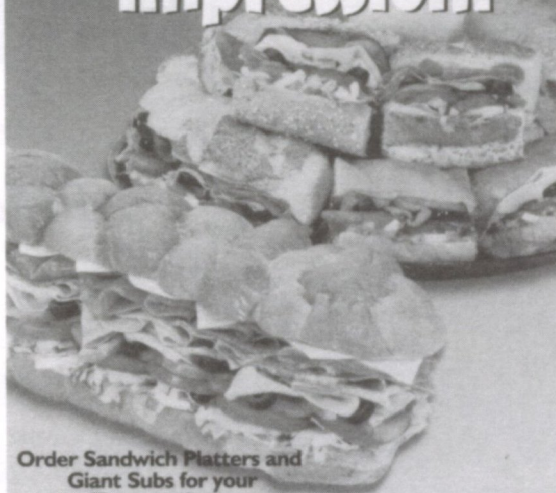
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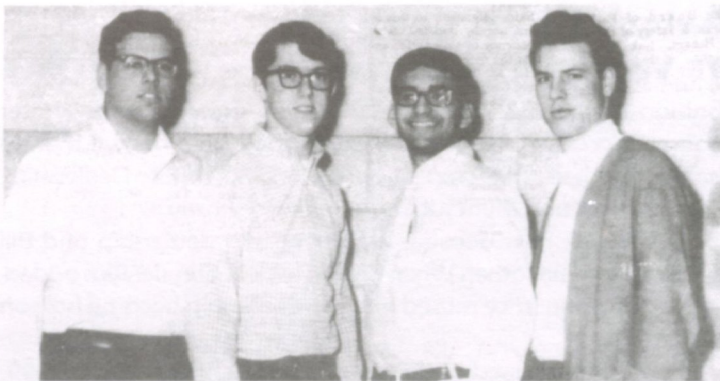


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In 1960, he added to the small building and he fulfilled his dream when Paul's Place opened. Angie joined Paul during that time, and still operates the business. She has had help from many family members including children (and step-children) Beth, Marge, Barbie, John, Cheryl, Paul, Bob, Steve and Rose. In addition, 10 grandchildren have been involved with the business.

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(See Page 29 for answers)

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In 1940, the family purchased the site of the old Hobart House, a former hotel, boarding house, extra public classrooms, and finally housing for the poor until the building was condemned.

With the demolition of the old structure in 1941, the Prusiecki family constructed the Art Theatre at 230 Main Street where modern business practices included "Bank Night" with weekly drawings for cash. Business increased as the years went along.

Ed and his wife Juanita became sole owners in 1975, and he continues to operate the theatre which now has a policy requiring all children to be accompanied by a parent. Many of the patrons come from surrounding communities.

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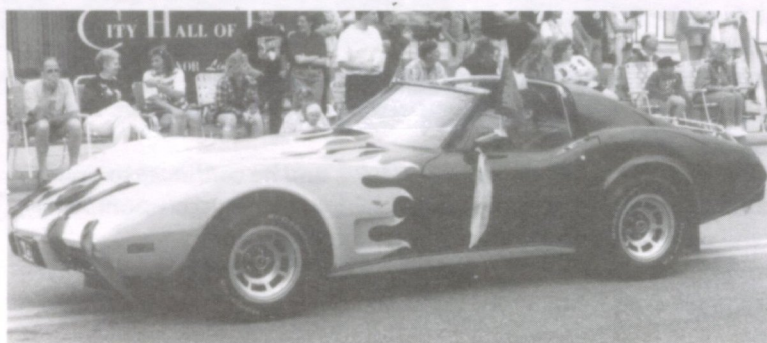
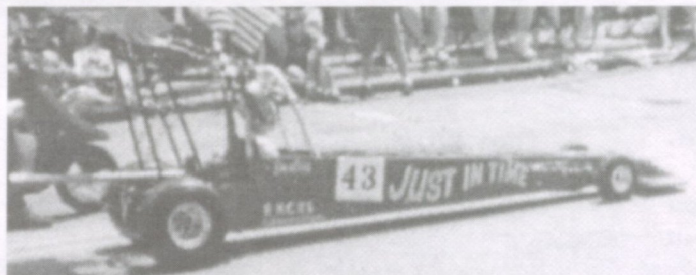
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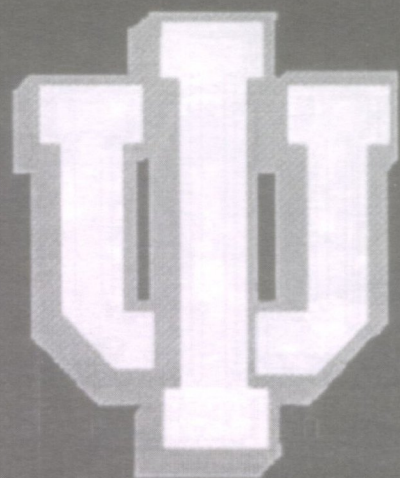
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In those early days, the farm included 40 heads of cattle, horses and chickens. What is now Indiana 51, was a stone county road until it became a state highway and was poured in concrete.

Market space under the tree grew in 1943 to include a little outdoor store where produce, grain, fresh-dressed chickens, milk and dairy products were sold, becoming Hobart's first open-air, quick-stop store.

In 1976, the current building, at 1155 S. Lake Park Avenue was constructed. Then came one greenhouse after another until plants and garden center items became the main offering - along with their homegrown corn.

Chuck Sapper's son, John, worked in the business from the early days until he retired in 1943 when his son, John C. and his wife Fran, took over the business until ill health forced their retirement.

John recalls trips to Gary as a salesman, and when he became 16 years old, he did the daily driving to Gary (with other youngsters doing the door-to-door) and to Benton Harbor, MI, three times a week to bring back fresh produce.

When they retired in 2000, John and Fran's daughter and her husband, Janet and Mike Kraynik, assumed the business and continue to operate it today, rounding out the fourth generation involved. In addition to their children Johnathan and Jessica, their siblings and several nieces and nephews also work at the market.



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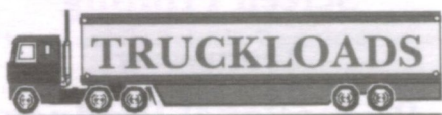
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Former Police Chief William McGinn (in white hat) is shown with a State Trooper, another Hobart policeman and some young boys receiving information about police work. They are in front of the old police station, jail and the fire department in the early 1960's. It was located on Lake George at the end of 4th Street before the police department moved to the new city hall in 1967 and the fire department, to it's new building on 10th Street. The old block building was demolished making room for parking.

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Edward C. Kostbade was the first killed in World War I and Edward L. Fowble died in World War II.

The new post met for three years in the Hobart Public Library, then moved to the present location at 540 S. Indiana Street.

The VFW Ladies Auxiliary was formed with 25 charter members, none of whom survive.

Both organizations began and continue to be involved in community service projects, promoting Americanism, patriotism and programs for children and teens. They work to protect Veterans' entitlements, support Veteran Hospitals, and Buddy Poppy sales. They also support Operation Uplink which supplies phone cards so service men and women can call home.

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The Burns family also purchased the (Jones & Frum) Hobart Memorial Funeral Home at 701 E. 7th Street in 1975. This had formerly been Pflughoeft Funeral Home, owned by former Mayor Herman Pflughoeft and his son, Eldor.

Pflughoeft purchased the Wild Funeral Home on East Third Street (constructed in 1929) where he continued to operate until constructing the 7th Street building in the 1960's.

The Burns family, which is observing its 95th year in business, now includes the fourth generation. Owners are Terrance and Mary Beth Burns, James F. and Sally Burns and their sons, Patrick and James E. Burns.



DO YOU KNOW?

(See Page 19)

1. The Doughboy Monument at 7th and Lincoln Streets honors World War I veterans.
2. A facial plaque of former Mayor Fred Rose can be found in Fred Rose Park.
3. A memorial garden honoring Miriam Pleak is located at the Unitarian Church
4. The Revelli Bandshell in Lakefront Park honors Dr. William Revelli, first Hobart school band director.
5. The memorial bridge over the Lake George dam honors Lou Kuchta.
6. A statue at Fire Station One, East 10th Street, honors Fireman Herlof "Ted" Hansen, III. He was the first Hobart fireman ever killed in action (1995).

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THREE YEARS LATER - The executive director of the Hobart Chamber of Commerce announced her intention to retire in 2000. With no apparent replacement three years later, Virginia Rettig told the board of directors "October 2003 is the deadline. I am retiring."

Anticipating retirement, Rettig looks back on 15 years at the post she holds with the Chamber, following a stint on the board of directors.

While her talents at organizing and fundraising are well known, probably the public is more aware of the Chamber's annual pig roast and bean soup dinner she originated and continues to chair. It takes place during the city's annual Lakefront Festival held in August.

When she accepted the post of executive director in 1987, the chamber had approximately 100 members. There are now more than 400 members, and she knows each one.

She plans to remain active in Hobart, but has no specific plans as she retires from the chamber. **FOR A JOB WELL DONE - THE BEST OF LIFE IN YOUR RETIREMENT YEARS!**



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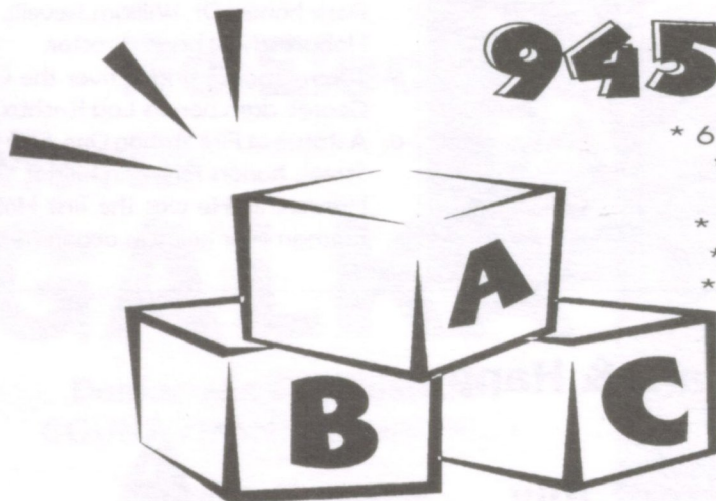


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Soon the market expanded as Rod and his new wife, Ginny, took over the business.

In the late 70's and 80's the business became known as "The Strawberry Farm", growing into one of the largest producers in the Midwest.

As more family members joined up, expansion was necessary. Marilyn came "home" and opened a bakery inside the market in 1986.

Rod's children, Jennifer and Rod Jr. completed their education and used their new expertise to expand the lawn and garden center of the business in 1991. The market was remodeled and the new bakery built in 1999. Johnson's added a second location on Route 30, run by Steve Johnson. Marilyn's daughter, Barbara, came home to help with the bakery, expanding the bakery with a second location in Valparaiso.

The Johnson tradition is one of community and family. We have created an environment for our families to grow. The third generation is now running the businesses, as we raise our children and future business owners. Our home is the farm, this town and community. Hobart is our kind of town.

Congratulations

Virginia Curtis recently received the 2002 Citizen of the Year from St. Mary's Medical Center. In January, Virginia also received the Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Service Award.



She has been active with the City Improvement Committee (CIC) which promotes the summer concerts in the park, and the downtown beautification planters. She also heads the CIC Breakfast with Santa for area children.

Virginia has served on the Chamber's Board of Directors for many years and heads the children's July 4th activities, as well as serving on many other committees. She spearheaded the campaign to obtain three "Welcome to Hobart" signs, and has been an active participant in governmental issues and keeps abreast of state legislative topics and legal matters which she then shares with the Board of Directors. She contributes her knowledge of Hobart historical data to anyone requiring information.

She has served on the Save Our Station committee which has restored the Pennsy Depot that is now on the National Register of Historic Places; and was one of the original organizers to establish the Revelli Bandshell in Festival Park.

Finally, thank you Virginia for the many years of chairing the July 4th Souvenir Book Committee and for the many hours you've spent on research to make it a success.

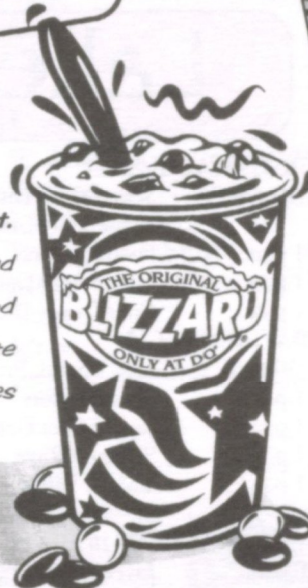
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FRIDAY, JUNE 27 - SATURDAY, JULY 5

6 p.m. - **JAYCEE FEST**
Midnight Strack & VanTil Plaza
Hobart Jaycees

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

1 p.m. **DOLL PARADE**
Revelli Bandshell
VFW Auxiliary Unit #5365
Community Center

2 p.m. **SAFETY POSTER CONTEST**
Grades 4, 5 and 6
Community Center
VFW Auxiliary Unit #5365

3 p.m. **SPELLING BEE (K-5th Grade)**
Community Center Deck
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WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

6 p.m. **BABY OLYMPICS**
Community Center Deck
Kiwanis Club

7 p.m. **PET PARADE**
Community Center Deck
Kiwanis Club

THURSDAY, JULY 3

5:30 p.m. **KIDS OWN JULY 4th PARADE**
Revelli Bandshell
Sign up - Community Center Deck
City Improvement Committee

7 p.m. **RUSTY PIPES CONCERT & CAKE WALK**
Revelli Bandshell
City Improvement Committee

FRIDAY, JULY 4

7:30 a.m. **BRICKYARD RUN**
Registration 5 Mile Run
6:15 - 7:15 Start and Finish at Trinity Lutheran Church
American Red Cross

10 a.m. **JULY 4TH PARADE**
Mundell Field to Lincoln & 10th Streets
Hobart Chamber of Commerce

6:15 p.m. **HOBART HIGH'S "NIGHT AND DAY"**
6:30 - 9:30 p.m. ***TAKE FIVE VARIETY BAND**
Revelli Bandshell
City Improvement Committee

7:30 p.m. **PARADE AWARDS PRESENTATION**
Revelli Bandshell
Chamber of Commerce

9:30 p.m. **FIREWORKS DISPLAY**
View from Festival Park
City of Hobart

SATURDAY, JULY 5

1 p.m. **WATERMELON EATING CONTEST**
Community Center Grounds
VFW Post #5365

2 p.m. **SEED SPITTING CONTEST**
Community Center Grounds
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3 p.m. **TOM SAWYER FENCE PAINTING**
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

4 - 7:30 p.m. Senior Chili Dinner
Community Center

5 - 11 p.m. Food Vendors
5 - 11 p.m. Jaycee Beer Garden
7 - 11 p.m. Good Times Band

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

4 - 7:30 p.m. Lion's Steak Fry
5 - 11 p.m. Food Vendors
5 - 11 p.m. Jaycee Beer Garden
7 - 11 p.m. Shannon Raye
7 - 11 p.m. YMCA Bingo
Sunset St. Mary Medical Center Laser Light Show

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

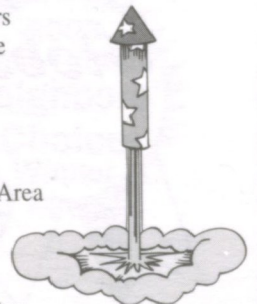
8 - 10 a.m. Jaycee Fishing Derby
8 - 11 a.m. Jaycee Pancake Breakfast
10 - 6 p.m. Arts and Crafts Vendors
12 - Dusk CIC Children's Game Area
9 - 9 p.m. NWS/Hobart Jr. Hoops 3 on 3
Basketball Tournament
Fred Rose Park - 8th Street
12 - 11 p.m. Food Vendors
12 - 4 p.m. YMCA Talent Show

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16 (continued)

2 p.m. Magic Show - Community Center
4 - 7:30 p.m. YMCA Dinner
5 - 11 p.m. Jaycee Beer Garden
7 - 11 p.m. Stretch The Band
7 - 11 p.m. YMCA Bingo
Sunset St. Mary Medical Center Laser Light Show

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

9 - ? NWS / Hobart Jr. Hoops 3 on 3
Basketball Tournament
Fred Rose Park - 8th Street
10 - 6 p.m. Arts and Crafts Vendors
11:30 - 4 p.m. Chamber of Commerce
Pig Roast/Bean Soup
High Stakes Band
12 - 4 p.m. Food Vendors
12 - 9 p.m. YMCA Bingo
12 - 3:00 p.m. CIC Children's Game Area
12 - Dusk Jaycee Beer Garden
3 p.m. HIEDC Duck Race
5 - 9 p.m. Shuddup N Drive
Sunset St. Mary Medical Center
Laser Light Show



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10:00 a.m.

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July 4th Parade Coordinator: Virginia Rettig



Grand Marshal - Ron Jackson

Ron Jackson retired from NIPSCO in 2002 after completing 30 years of service.

He served the United States Marine Corps 1965 - 1970, with duty in Vietnam, and received the Purple Heart during the Tet Offensive in 1968.

Ron married his childhood sweetheart, Kathy, in 1968 and moved to Hobart in 1970 where they are members of St. Bridget Catholic Church.

He is also a member of American Legion Post #54, and a life member of VFW Post #5365 and Vietnam Veterans Chapter #285.

Ron supports multi-causes but is best known as the sponsor of a Model Railroad Swap, raising money for the Hobart Police Vest Fund Post #121.

USE OF WATER PROHIBITED THIS YEAR!!

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Hobart Fire Department
Hobart High School Marching Band
Hobart Jaycees

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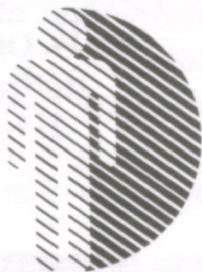
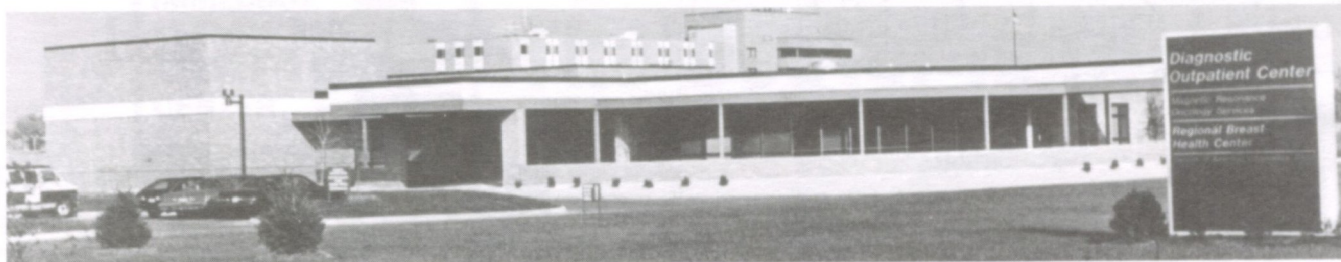
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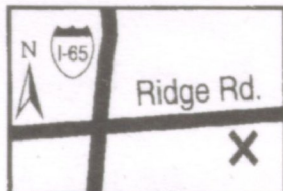
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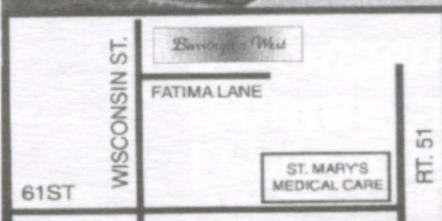
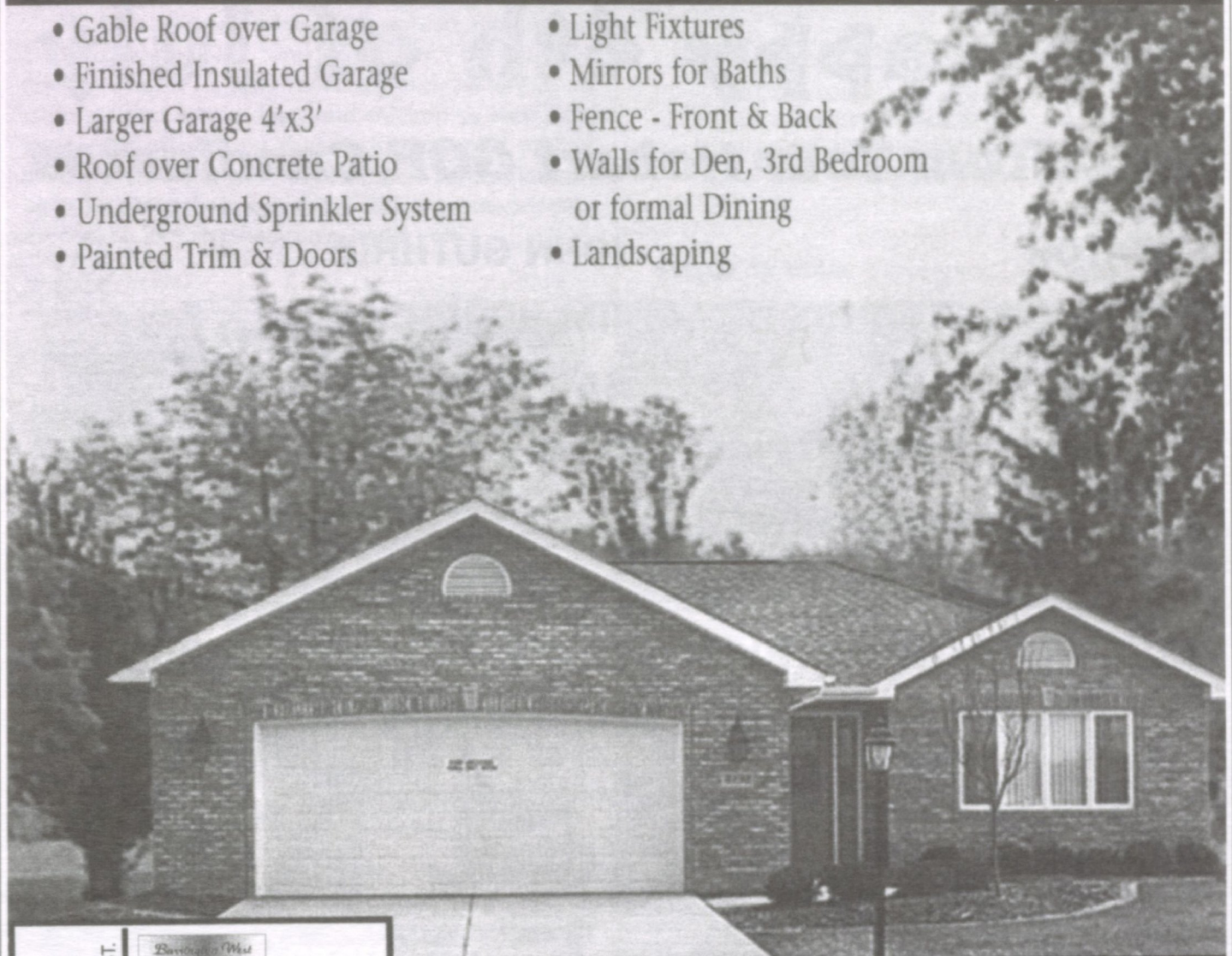
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In 1979, the current building was constructed next to the original business. Many area teens enjoyed their first job at the DQ on Main Street. Countless others enjoyed school "field trips" to the DQ.

The Freys converted to a Brazier Dairy Queen in 1989. Soon, the Freys retired and sons Clay (Carol) and Scott (Penny) began operation of the business. Son Pat also joined the firm on a full-time basis after graduation.

Today, the business has expanded to include two additional Dairy Queens, both on the Indiana Toll Road near LaPorte.



Happy 4th of July

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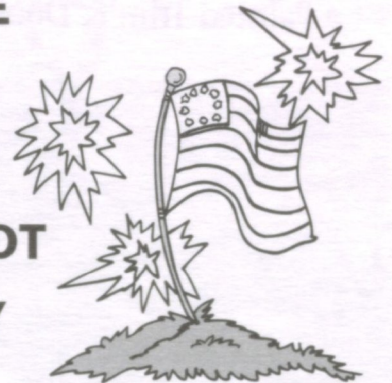
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The Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program chose Hobart for its first parade appearance since their return from Vietnam? John Szczepanski, VVLP executive director, said the 1984 Hobart July 4th Parade "was the ticker-tape parade we didn't get 15 years ago.

"Hobart resident Teresa Torres assured us we would be welcome," he said, "and Hobart WAS the right city for our debut. As they marched with no band, no uniforms and with spouses and children by their side, they were greeted by cheers, clapping and smiling veterans all along the parade route. Some Vietnam veterans joined the happy group as they proceeded out-of-step, on foot, in wheelchairs and trucks.



WRITERS CLUB - Do you recognize any of these high school students? Members of the 1984 Hobart Writers Club shown here include (1st row) S. McCullough, P. Radulovich, L. Fisk, K. Hendron, S. Kirkland, J. Garbart; (2nd row) C. Milner, K. Pelfrey, C. Willis, K. Smock, N. Zimmerman; (3rd row) B. Steen, P. Blain, T. Moody and S. Lewis.

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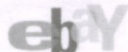
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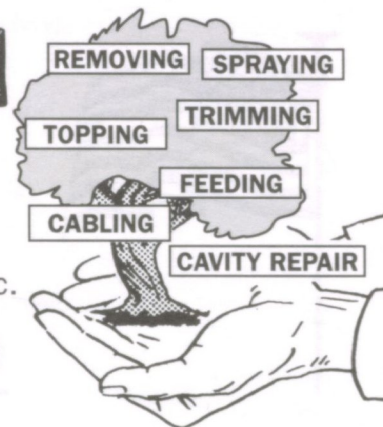
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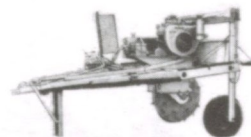
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In 1928, Joe bought the old Hobart Bank building at 232 Main Street. About that time, Joe's daughter Dorothy started as part time help while still in high school. This new site included a walk-in vault with a heavy multi-plated steel door and a lock carrying a patent date of 1864. The vault was still used daily when the building was sold in 1987.

Major changes took place in 1932 when Indiana adopted a gross income tax. Joe added tax preparation to the business. That same year, Joe was appointed Hobart Postmaster. He needed extra help while going back and forth across the street to run two businesses. This brought his son Bud into the business.

For the next 20 years, three generations of the Mellon family worked to build the business. Joe decided in 1952, at age 70, to retire. Bud purchased the business, but dropped the real estate services to concentrate on insurance and tax preparation, changing the name to Mellon Insurance. Dorothy (Mrs. Earl Gant) continued as the only employee.

Although Joe may have retired, it wasn't until 1966, at age 84, that he quit walking the two blocks to the office (and home for lunch) to work at least part of each day.

The next major change came in 1969 when Bud fell ill and his son, Jim (who graduated from college that year) joined the firm. With the death of Bud in 1970, Jim took over the operation. Dorothy was still the only employee until her retirement in 1977 after nearly 50 years service.

With Jim and Pam expecting their second child, Pam took the opportunity to retire after eight years of teaching and joined Jim in the office. Jim loved the tax preparation, but not the insurance portion of the business. In 1982, he sold that part and changed the name to Mellon Tax Service.

In 1987, after 59 years, they sold the old bank site and purchased a larger building at 101 Center Street. Although it took a few years for the public to get used to the change, the business is now well established at the new location.

When Jim was elected Hobart Clerk-Treasurer in 1999, he turned the tax business over to Pam. He devotes evening and weekends as her assistant during tax season.

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HIGH SCHOOL CLUBS

(See Page 48 for photos)

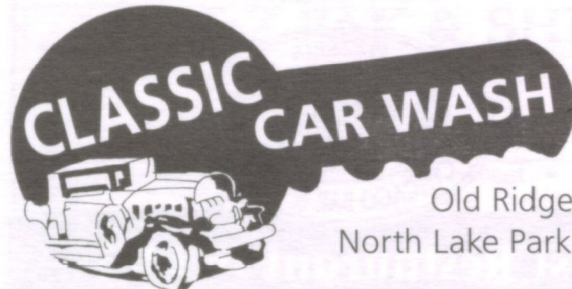
Shown on page 48 are nine of the 20 members of the 1984 Conservation and Sportsman Club, including (1st row) T. Joy, P. Kleckner, R. Bucher, J. Legere; (2nd row) P. Macedo, G. Batcha, J. Gavelak, J. Djokic and R. Torres. Lower photo shows members of the Home Economics Club - (1st row) M. Quillen (2nd row) D. Garling, K. Urbanek, J. Brasher (3rd row) S. Powell, L. McLamb (4th row) K. Barker and L. Bean.



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THE WINNERS

(See Page 20 for photo)

In 1972, 1st place winners in the Punt, Pass and Kick were (back row from left on page 20) Gordon Sullivan, 8; David Budzielek, 9; Michael Pennock, 10; Bob Reed, 11; Ed Piscione, 12 and Robert Szowkowski, 13. In middle row are 2nd place winners Leonard Aguilar, 9; Tim Budzielek, 10; Kenneth Karwoski, 11; David Jaroscak, 12; and Brian Loving, 13. Front row shows 3rd place winners Loren Wolosgyn, 9; Richard Oppman, 10; Mike Aguilar, 11; Bill Hallas, 12; and Shawn Sullivan, 13.

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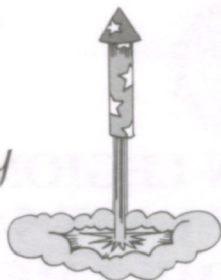
In 1931, Percy Jansen founded the Jansen Michigan Fruit Market in Highland. He was joined in the business by son, Cecil, when a market also was located in Whiting.

The Whiting market was closed in the late 1930's. Percy's brother took over the Highland market when Percy and Cecil brought the business to Hobart in 1954 on the corner of 37th Avenue and Indiana State Road 51.

Bruce Jansen, Cecil's son, joined the business in 1960 and still operates the fruit and vegetable (as well as Christmas tree) stand on that same site.



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Charles Sufana was the first winner of the annual Sean Davis Award for 1967. He received the award during the Troop 42 annual banquet in February 1968. Established by Explorer Post 42 honoring Sean Davis, a member of that post when he died from a rare disease. The award was to be presented to Hobart's outstanding scout each year. Mayor Lilburn Titus (at left) presented the award to Sufana. Scout Randy Demmon holds the plaque on which recipients' names are engraved. This plaque still hangs in City Hall, outside the City Council chamber. (See page 53 for a list of Scouts receiving this award.)



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(Also see page 11)

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2. First county school flying American Flag (1887)
3. First high school baseball team (1891)
4. First state school using school buses (1897)
5. First high school basketball team (1901)
6. First high school girls basketball team (1906)
7. First high school band (1925)
8. First high school cross country team (1926)
9. First high school football team (1927)
10. First national band championship (1930)
11. First state football championship (1987)
12. First high school soccer team (1992)



Rees Funeral Home, 600 W. Old Ridge Road, was established in Hobart in 1960 by Jerry and Mary Jane Rees. Jerry is shown here in front of the original building which housed parlors A, B and C. In 1968, an addition on the west end provided parlor D as well as a chapel, and a small office on the added second floor. Another addition to the west in 1980 provided another parlor as well as more office and storage space on the expanded second floor.

In 1985, the couple bought Olson Funeral Home in Portage. They were very active in both communities until their retirement in 1990.

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The business was then relocated to Hobart in 1964 and the name changed to Simmons Decorating since he didn't want his sons to become involved with painting. He continued the legacy until 1986 when he retired, but his son continued the business which he had been interested (and active in) since 1970 when he was only 5 years old.

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OUTSTANDING BOY SCOUTS

(Also see Page 50)

Established in 1967 shortly after the untimely death of a Hobart Boy Scout, The Sean Davis Award was presented for 1967 to Charles Sufana, Troop 91; for 1968 to Keith Williams, Post 65; for 1969, none; for 1970 Randy Demmon, Post 406; and for 1971 to Dave Vinzant, Post 91. No further awards have been made according to the plaque hanging in City Hall.

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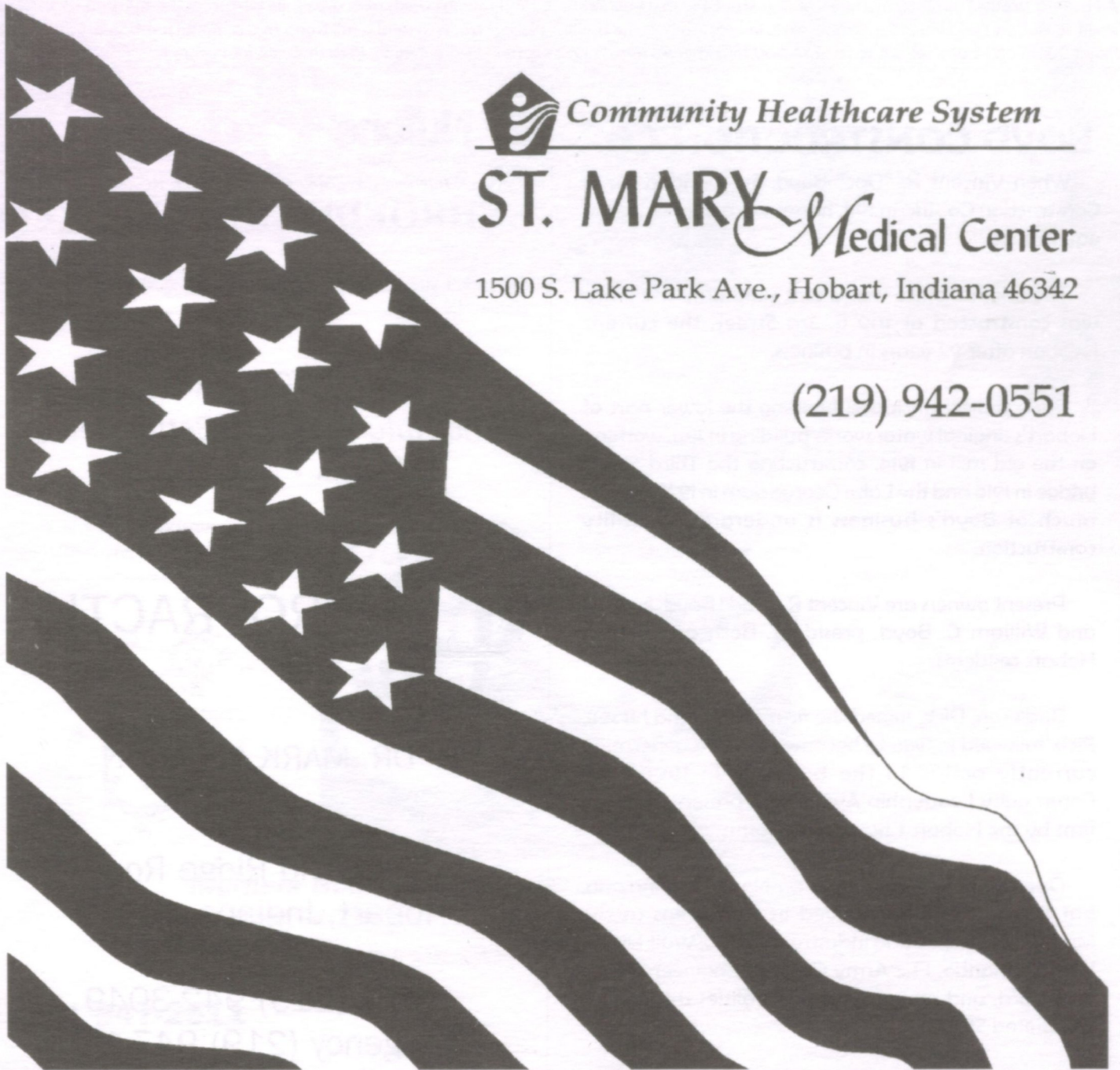


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Bud's son, Dick, joined the firm in 1962 and his son, Rick, followed in 1986 to become the third generation currently active in the business. In 1990, The Community Leadership Award was presented to the firm by the Hobart Chamber of Commerce.

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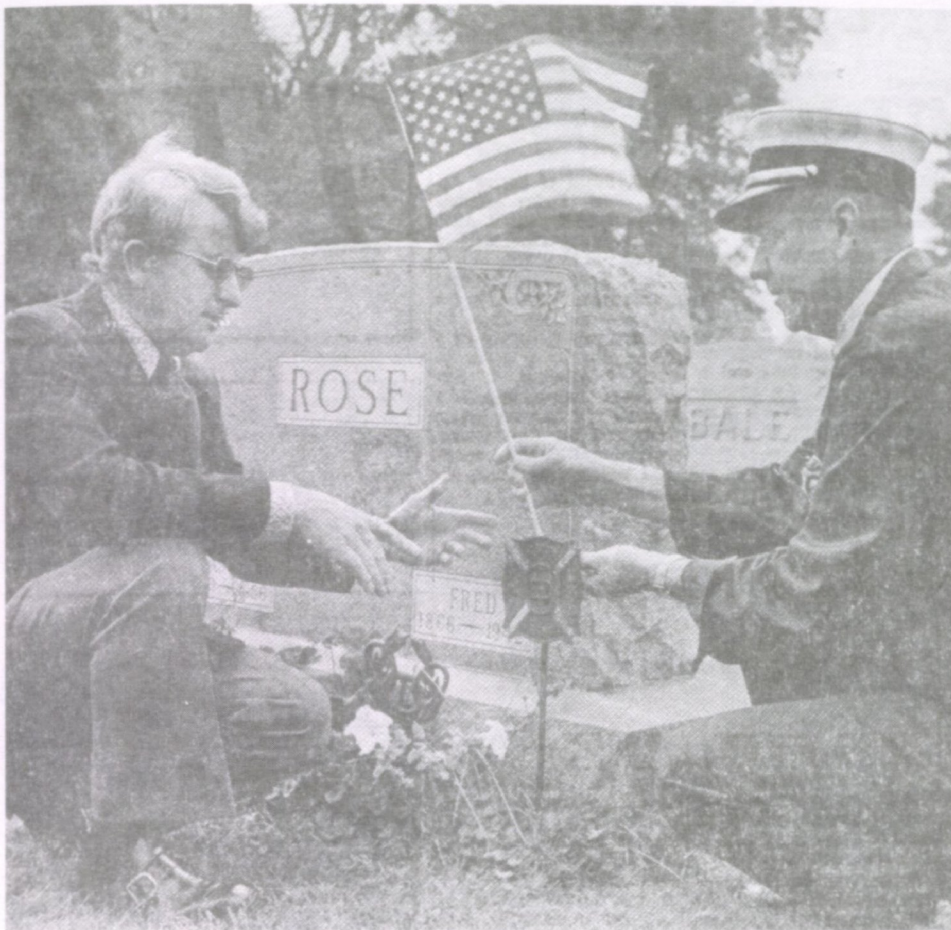
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HOBART'S FIRST - During Fire Prevention Week in 1972, Fire Chief H. Richard Harrigan (left) and Captain Harry Carling erected an American Flag at the grave of Hobart's first fire chief, Fred Rose, Sr. Rose served as fire chief until his death in 1942. He was succeeded by Dan Kraft who was chief until 1950. When Kraft became ill, Harrigan was named chief of both the fire and police departments. (See Page 54 for a list of Hobart Chiefs.)



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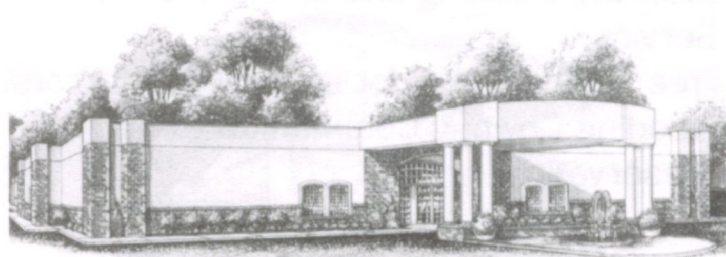
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HOBART FOUNDER - Portraits of Hobart founder George Earle (held by June Krsek at left) and his brother for whom Hobart was named, Frederick Hobart Earle (held by historian Dorothy Ballantyne) are shown to Marcie Green. Krsek completed an unfinished painting of George Earle discovered in 1972. His brother's photo was colorized by Ray Shanks. Both are now in the Hobart Historical Museum, but were on display at City Hall during the time Green's husband (Calvin Green) was mayor.

CONFIRMATION, (See Page 59 for photo)

Members of the 1964 Confirmation Class at Methodist Church shown here include (1st row from left) Robert Hutchens, Darrell Dunn, Roland West, Susan Thompson and John Mills, Jr.; (2nd row) Assistant Pastor Rev. James Cheney, Connie Jean Mills, Martha Jean Gulley, Susan Demmon, Marilyn Stanfield and Pastor Rev. Jasper Cox; (3rd row) Linda Joan Leslie, Connie Colburn and Denna McMillan. Not present for the picture were Mark Heller and Joan Thompson.



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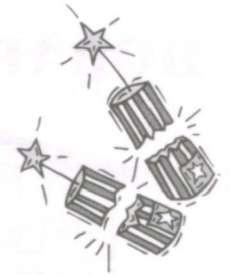
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(See Page 56 for photo of Scouts)

Shown with Scout Master Floyd Demmon (not in order) are Joe Jeff and Jerry McCullough, Clyde and Dennis Conrad, Terry Korwek, James Lukanich, Pete Huff, Greg Loden, Kevin Raywood, Joe Archey, Bill O'Brien, Greg Taylor, Dan Borchelt, Dave Sott, Richard Nichols, Rory Ketchum, James Thomas, Mike Binder, Mike Cicillian, Joe Nelson, Rich Ryan, Bill Coburn, John Vinzant, Tom Ewigleben, Wayne Houch, Jim Sharp, Greg Richardson, Matt Stanley, Scott Aitken, Earl Crase, Bill Krosky, Steve Hilton, Kevin Catt and Scott Heuring.

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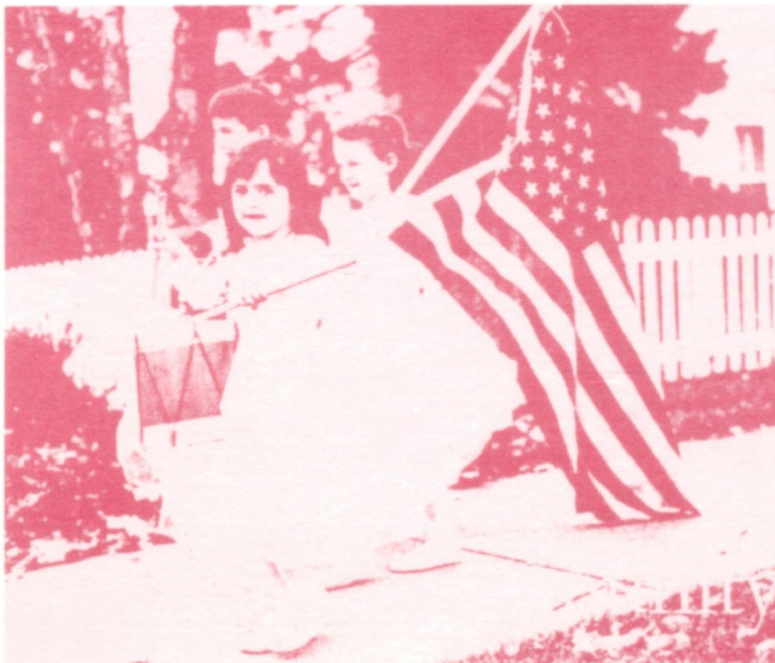
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